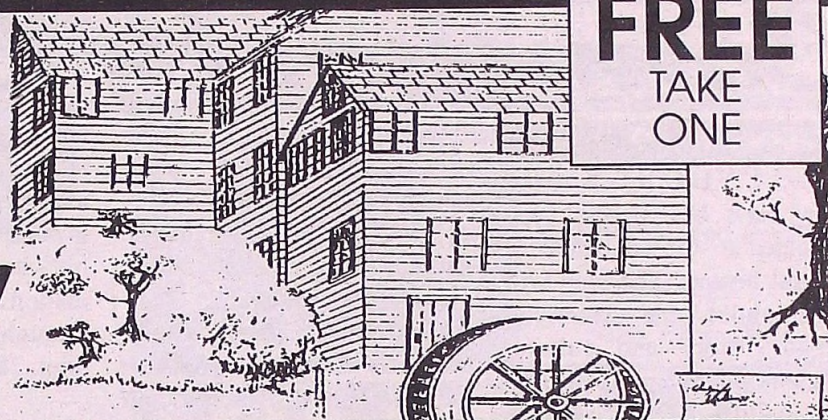


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MUNICIPAL FACILITY PRESENTATION

SECOND IN A SERIES

The Huron River Weekly in its January 17 edition introduced the proposed new municipal facilities to the readers. We hope to provide weekly installments of information to assist the citizens in making an informed decision regarding the matter. We also encourage the citizens to view the Capitol Improvement Committee's report on local access Channel 18.

As our second installment we present the first three of six phases to be completed by Plante Moran Cresa as the project moves forward. Much of the anticipated work will depend on the successful passage of the bond issue.

PHASE I: MASTER PLANNING

- A. Due Diligence
 - Obtain Phase I Environmental Survey.
 - Obtain Phase II Environmental Survey (if required).
 - Obtain Alta Survey.
 - Verify zoning and building compatibility.
 - Obtain and evaluate soil borings.
 - Obtain and evaluate FEMA flood zone verification from surveyor.
 - Evaluate existing utility infrastructure (water, sewer, electrical and gas).
 - Analyze topography.
 - Evaluate wetlands/flood zone.
 - Evaluate parking/site restrictions.
 - Determine easements and

setbacks.

- Determine site preparation requirements and recommendations.

- Coordinate, select and negotiate contracts with consultants as follows (if required):

- Surveyors.
- Geo-technical.

B. Selection of Planner and Engineer.

- Review key criteria, targets and goals with HCT.

- Review credentials and qualifications of planners, civil engineers and landscape architects.

- Establish scope of work for master planner, civil engineer and landscape functions.

- Obtain, review and analyze proposals and provide an executive summary in a comparative format.

- Provide a recommendation as to the appropriate planner, civil engineer and landscape architect for HCT.

- Coordinate and provide leadership on all related documentation and present to HCT and HCT's attorney for final reviews and approval.

C. Design.

- Participate, as a representa-

tive of HCT's interests, in regular key design and production meetings.

- Manage the design team to assure compliance with HCT's program and objectives.

- Assist HCT's planner and other consultants in the ongoing value engineering process to identify alternative plans, ideas and methods which might be better suited to HCT's goals and objectives.

- Update preliminary cost estimate for the road and utility infrastructure.

- Update milestone design and construction schedule for the road and utility infrastructure.

- Assist in evaluation and selection of the preferred scenario.

PHASE II: ASSEMBLE DESIGN TEAM

- Review credentials and qualifications of architects.

- Prepare, if required, an executive summary of architectural firm's qualifications, include reference checks.

- Establish with HCT the criteria to assist in selecting firms for interview.

- Conduct preliminary inter-

views/office tours of selected firms.

- Draft amendments or new Request For Proposals (RFP) for architectural services, and distribute to selected firms.

- Receive, review, and analyze architectural proposals and provide an executive summary in a comparative format.

- Orchestrate formal interviews of finalist firms.

- Provide a recommendation as to the appropriate architectural firm for the project.

- Negotiate and document the architectural contract.

- Conduct similar evaluation/selection process, as outlined above, for all other required consultants and vendors, as may be required.

- Engineering
- Interior Design
- Landscaping
- Geotechnical

- Based upon information gleaned from selection process, update project budget and schedule.

PHASE III: MANAGE DESIGN PROCESS.

- Refine project schedule setting forth the time required for

design, contractor selection, permitting, HCT's reviews and approvals, shell and core construction, interior construction, furniture procurement, and move-in.

- Coordinate and provide leadership on all related documentation, including Design Contracts, and present to HCT's attorney for final reviews and approval.

- Participate, as a representative of HCT's interests, in key design and production meetings.

- Manage the design team to assure compliance with HCT's program goals and objectives.

- Continually review preliminary and final documents to surface any potential concerns relating to construction or space utilization inefficiencies.

- Assist HCT's architect, interior designer, and other vendors in the ongoing value engineering process to identify alternative construction methods or materials, which might produce equivalent architectural effect at reduced cost and/or construction time.

- Manage the design team through HCT's approval of construction documents and municipal site plan approval.

TOWNSHIP TREASURER PLEADS GUILTY



JARROD BARRON

by MARGARET E. O'KELLEY

This story begins on November 10, 2001 when Huron Township Treasurer Jarrod Barron was arrested for drunk driving after being involved in an accident in Huron Township. The Township Police called in the Michigan State Police to make the arrest. He was charged with 1) Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence and 2) Unlawful Body Alcohol Content.

On January 10, 2002, he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of

Operating a Vehicle While Impaired. The case was heard at the 34th District Court by visiting Judge Kersten from the 33rd District Court.

The sentencing hearing will be held at the 34th District Court in Romulus on February 27, 2002 by the same visiting judge. This reporter has inquired about sentencing guidelines and was informed by an officer of the court that a license suspension is mandatory, costs and fines are applicable (approximately \$1,500

to \$2,000), restitution for the replacement of the utility pole and a probationary period.

This seems to be a very embarrassing and punitive way to learn to appreciate the laws of the land that which as an elected official he took an oath to uphold. Is this serving with honor?

This information was secured through the Court Administrator.

Look for future articles as this case evolves.

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Community Calendar

February 14

The C.Y.B.O.R.G.S. February class has always been dedicated to the education of cultural history. The club will learn about the American Indian history and culture. February 14, 7-8 p.m. (Jr. Directors 6:30) high school cafeteria.

Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

Monthly Meetings

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Waltz Improvement Association meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on park grounds in Waltz. New members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings are held on the first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tues. each month at 7:30 p.m. In August the meeting will be held at the concession stand. Beginning in September meetings will be held in the Junior High Library. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) meet the second

and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 783-3669.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on the following dates: Mar. 7, 7 p.m.; April 10, 7 p.m.; May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Library.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

Senior Citizens

The Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call the Senior Director for additional information.

Pam Carpenter is the Senior Director and may be reached at 654-9281.

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center. Linda (Cricket) Thompson serves as director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

First Tuesday of every month regular meeting 12:30 p.m.

Quilting Mondays at 10 a.m.

Quilting Class Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m.

Crafts Tuesdays 1 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner third Thursday at 4 p.m.

Pinochle every Monday 12:30 p.m.

Euchre third and fifth Tuesday 12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Meijer's every Thursday. Leave Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

Meals on Wheels for home bound seniors. Call 654-4549.

For a ride call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281

Trips for seniors check with the Senior Director for trips scheduled one day to a week.

Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

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CITY OF FLAT ROCK CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 3, 2002 - MARCH 29, 2002

FEBRUARY

4	Recreation Committee	5:30 p.m.
4	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
7	Downtown Development Authority	7 p.m.
11	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
18	President's Day	(City Offices Open)
19	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
25	Beautification Committee	7 p.m.
26	TIFA Meeting	7:30 p.m.
28	Historic Preservation Committee	7 p.m.
28	Library Board of Directors	7 p.m.
*	Cable Commission	7:30 p.m.

MARCH

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25	Planning Commission	7:30 p.m.
26	TIFA Meeting	7:30 p.m.
28	Library Board of Directors	7 p.m.
28	Historic Preservation Committee	7 p.m.
29	Good Friday (City Offices Closed)	HOLIDAY
*	Cable Commission	7:30 p.m.

NOTE: South Huron Valley Wastewater Control System Meetings are scheduled for January 16, February 20 and March 20, 2002, 10 a.m. at Brownstown Township Hall.

*Indicates to be determined

The Second Front

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZED

by MARGARET O'KELLEY

At the January 21, 2002 meeting of the Huron School Board Superintendent Hosler presented the Board with tokens of appreciation in recognition of National School Board Month. The President of the Huron Education Association, Mrs. Mary Elton, presented the Board with certificates of appreciation.

Representatives of TMP Architecture and Wolgast Corporation gave the Board an update on the status of the district construction project. Mr. Tim Johnson of Wolgast informed the Board that they would soon be letting out bids and would be opening the respective bids on February 12.

If anyone is interested in bidding or have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnson at (517) 790-9120.

During the Public Concerns and Comments portion of the meeting Michelle and Vince Polce and Mario Gracia addressed the Board expressing their concerns about certain procedures within the athletic program. The Board reassured them that some of their concerns were valid and that the Superinten-

dent would be getting back with them.

The Board hired Lori Kleinow as the new secretary at Renton Junior High. Ms. Kleinow fills the vacancy created with the resignation of Nancy Richardson.

The Career Pathways Resolution was passed by the Board. This is a tool for identifying career interests of ninth grade students so they may choose classes that fall within their career interest.

The Board approved an out-of-state trip to COSI for the fifth grade classes at Brown Elementary. The trip will take place on April 15, 2002.

The Board found it necessary to amend the School Calendar for the 2002-2003 School Year due to construction. School will start later and some half days will be eliminated. Major breaks have not been changed. The school calendar is a negotiated effort between the School Board and the Huron Education Association.

Mr. Zavodsky stated that the Finance Committee had met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed information that was provided by Carol Miles. He

requested that the information be shared with the other Board members.

It was reported that a few new companies had expressed interest in the LDFA area of the township.

The Lead Team will meet February 7, 2002, to review goals and information previously distributed to team members for their review.

Board Member Lazere stated that she would like all of the new hires brought to a Board meeting so that the Board could meet their new employees. Mrs. Lazere also wanted to remind everyone to fill out and return the questionnaire on the back of the District Newsletter. This information feedback is very important to the joint project between the School District and

ission. The Board Members thanked the staff for the gifts of appreciation they received.

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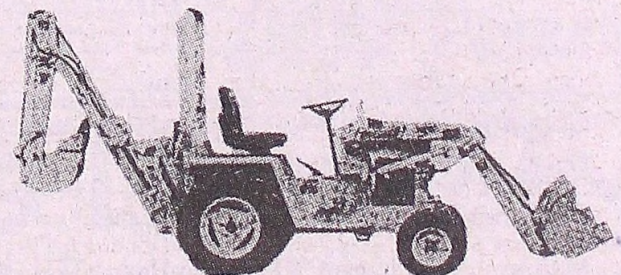
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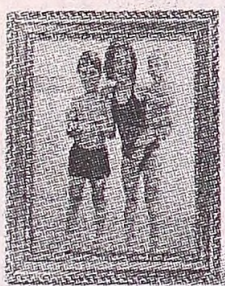
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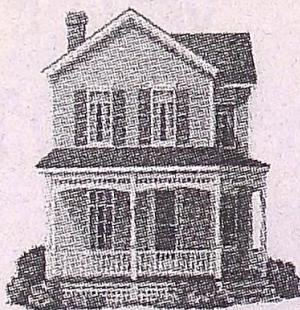
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The cookies came from The Bread Basket Bakery in Flat Rock.

by Georgette Heron-Willoughby

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Program is Set for February 19, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the Huron Civic Auditorium

Maggie's Musings



Margaret O'Kelley

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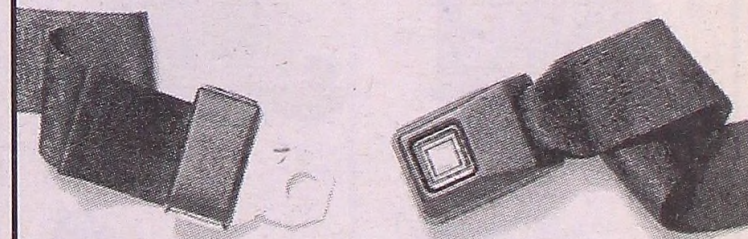
Hosler and Katrina Burnham for their assistance.

A thank you to Supervisor Mitchell for the tremendous plug at the last Board meeting. We could not keep enough papers in the racks.

We do not think the ducks in a row line up for the sitting duck shoot at the last Township Board meeting worked. The little guns were brought in but I do believe they backfired.

There were enough sour grapes at the last Township Board meeting that I think Huron Township should build its own winery. Maybe not, it is very difficult to make wine from sour grapes.

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You may also reach your State Senator Loren Bennett and State Representative

MGM GRAND OFFERS NEW ATTRACTION

Video poker lovers will enjoy MGM Grand Detroit Casino's all-new exclusive Video Poker Room.

The new Video Poker Room features 137 video poker machines in denominations of 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. The new, 3,000-square-foot room is located on the casino's restaurant level, near the MGM Grand Buffet.

"We offer a great variety of video poker slots, centralized in one location, for the convenience of video poker fans," said Phil Maruncic, MGM Grand Detroit Casino Vice President of Slot Operations.

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In May 2001, the casino opened an exclusive video keno room, with 39 video keno slots in 25-cent denominations.

George Mans at the following E-mail addresses: SenL Bennett@Senate.State.MI.US or Gmans@House.State.MI.US.

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BASEBALL NEWS

Huron Little League Registration starts soon. The dates and times are Thursday, January 31, February 7, February 21 and February 28. It will be from 5-8 p.m. at Miller Elementary on Hannan Road in New Boston. It is mandatory to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate for our files, even if played in previous years. Registration will cost \$25 for T-Ball and \$45 for Minor and Major Divisions. Late registrars will be put on a waiting list and are subject to a \$25 extra fee for uniform ordering.

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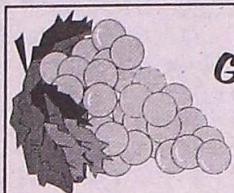
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Pisces Feb. 20 - Mar. 20

Looking for camp to send children won't make summer come sooner. Clean closets for clean start. Old junk may be new when viewed once more. New of yet more economic woes has you wondering. See into future not past. Lucky #611.

Aries March 21 - April 20

Heart set at 15 below zero. Spouse unwilling to thaw. Search internet for truths not found on T.V. Watch familiar activity change quickly as world atmosphere heats up. Strange truck in driveway, caution. Shadow scary! Lucky #891.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Unwanted visitor shows up at work. No can to "beam" you out of this mess. Yellow pages may offer help but no advice. Take children to safe haven as wait for repair man. Lucky #436.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Twin sign always difficult to follow. Ask for help with special project, but don't rock the boat. Time to deposit checks into accounts as cash flow decreases. Rainy day closer than you think. Lucky #467.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

Inches on a map like going on a diet. Don't look to internet for answer to age-old question. Dirty dishes look better in sink, and laundry better in basket. Hand cream won't rub out all rough edges. Shadow comes and goes. Lucky #207.

Leo July 24 - August 23

Time spent in chat room wasted on wrong group of friends. Play games with children not other adults. Baby cries in dreams are your own screams for help. Don't lock up feelings like you would do a cell mate. Lucky #106.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Play a different song each day. Children's constant chattering like finger-nails on chalkboard. Winds change directions blown. Secure belongings for long storm ahead. Zero tolerance means Zero! Lucky #246.

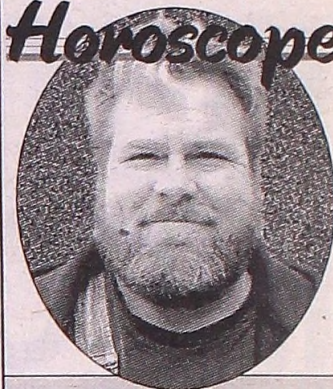
Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Ask fellow Libra for answers to this week's life lesson. Homework begins at home. Pictures of ancients follow you in everyday activities. Maybe time to review past for future references. Caution on road. Lucky #673.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Study maps of body. Remember you have one, too! Listen to music on headphones, but turn off the mic. Ask if it's necessary to be so loud as you convince oth-

Horoscope



William Grover

ers of your position. Shadow seen in Philly? Lucky #841.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Uncommon days ahead. Unseen shadow comes into light but no changes predicted. Keep shovel close at hand for results of tall tale. Heavenly event shocks all but leaves you unfeathered. May be time to turn on oven. Lucky #966.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Jump for joy. Six more weeks of winter, regardless. Rev up winter toys. Be prepared with hats and gloves. Remember to stay off the road as fork may take you into unknown territory. Lucky #837.

*For entertainment purposes only.

SOUTHWEST BEAN SOUP

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| 1 15-oz. can Black Beans (drained) | 1 cup Celery (coarsely chopped) |
| 1 15-oz. can Great Northern Beans (drained) | 1/2 cup Carrot (coarsely chopped) |
| 3 cups Chicken Broth | 2-3 tsp. Chili Powder |
| 1 Bay Leaf | 1 1/2 tsp. Cumin |
| 1 clove Garlic (chopped fine) | 1/4 tsp. Red Pepper flakes |
| 1 med. Onion (coarsely chopped) | 1 tbs. Jalapeno (finely chopped) |
| | 1/2 tsp. Salt |
| | 1/4 cup Tequila (optional) |

Simmer all ingredients for 2 hours on stove or in crock pot on low 6-8 hours. When the soup is cooked, mash it with a potato masher or *remove half of the vegetables and set aside, mix the rest of the ingredients in a blender and put all of the ingredients back into the pot, stir and heat if necessary.

For a real treat add a tbs. of sour cream or some shredded cheddar cheese to each bowl.

*Recommended preparation.

Al Fresco



Georgette Heron-Willoughby

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"Sometimes a group wants to read biographies, or non-fiction, but most discussion groups read fiction — new or classics," says Library Director Marney Cooley. She will facilitate the group by providing book suggestions, book reviews, author information, meeting reminders, and refreshments. Flat Rock Library will also provide multiple copies of the books selected by the group.

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• "I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you."

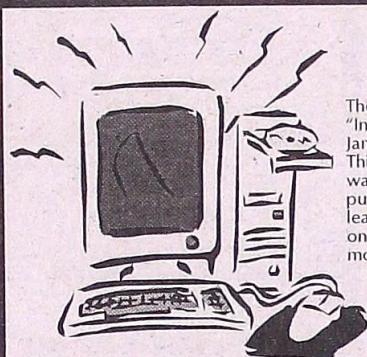
• "I don't know what your problem is but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce."

• "Someday, we'll look back on this, laugh nervously and change the subject."

• "I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter."

• "It might look like I'm doing nothing but at the cellular level I'm really quite busy."

participate in the book discussion group. If interested, please call the library at (734) 782-2430 to sign up.



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